

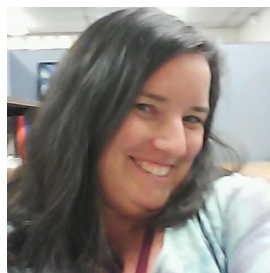
MOUNT HOLYOKE CLUB OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

NEWSLETTER

FALL 2022

Check out what our Program Chair, Elizabeth Russell, and your Board has planned for our 2022-2023 season--Pages 3-6!

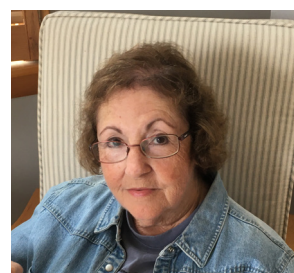
Interim Report of the Nominating Committee



Jamie Donnelly '03



Maria Mandler '74



Joyce Gleason '69

The club's Nominating Committee (Maria Mandler '74, Dr. Jamie Donnelly '03 and Joyce Gleason '69) began its work this summer. Rather than wait to fill your Board next spring, we began our work early so prospective candidates could observe Board business as currently conducted. Also there are two vacancies (Membership Chair and Newsletter Editor) which an interested member might choose to fill in this last year of the traditional fifth year of the president, i.e., '18-'23. She could have training under the current Board, or assist us in completing our final year.

Traditionally our Board does not disappear. Many have served multiple terms in the same or different positions over years of service. While Joyce will no longer be President after June '23, she will continue on the Board as your Past President. This continuity is a strength of your club's Board.

Each member was canvassed via a survey of questions, which could be completed in less than 5 minutes. (If you missed our call or email, please feel free to call Joyce at 941-637-5921 or email at mhcswfl@gmail.com.) The purpose of the survey was to make the Nominating Committee's intentions widely known to the membership, and to include as many members as possible in the process. We learned of the shared love of the college and our gratitude for the education we received. "Mount Holyoke forever shall be!" said Marian White '48.

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Interim Report of the Nominating Committee, continued

Our questions/requests to the membership included:

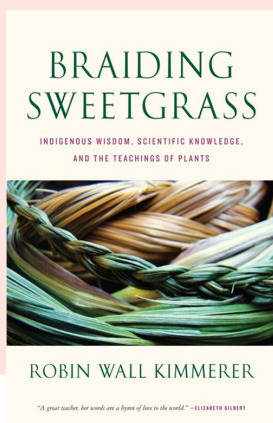
- "1. Would you consider joining us on a Committee or on the Board?
 - "2. Is there an area or interest you would like to contribute to the Board or running of the club?
 - "3. Is there anyone you would recommend for us to consider during our deliberations?
 - "4. Please provide feedback about what you would like to see in our programs.
 - "5. Please let us know how we can gain more participation.
- "We thank you for your interactions and comments."

Our next tasks will be to contact those suggested, remind members of the offer to see the Board in action, and develop a slate of officers (President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer). You may have also helped by suggesting qualified women who could serve in various chair positions, many of which are also voting members of the Board. (To see thumbnail descriptions of all duties, visit <https://new.alumnae.mtholyoke.edu/swfl/contact-us/> on the club's website--there is a link at the bottom of the page.) Finally a formal election will be held by the membership at the final meeting of the year date and location to be announced. Want a little more Mount Holyoke in your life? Contact us! --MHCSF Nominating Committee



MHC Common Read Announced for 2022

The Common Read began in 2000 as part of the College's annual Orientation and is open to the College community, including prospective and current students, faculty, staff and alumnae. The Common Read is chosen by a committee composed of students, faculty, staff, deans, and the owner of the Odyssey Bookshop. It is one component of the college's orientation program. Incoming students receive a copy of the book over the summer along with registration and other 'welcome' materials. 2022's Common Read is *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer.



Ms. Kimmerer is a mother, scientist, decorated professor, and enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Drawing on her life as an indigenous scientist, and as a woman, Kimmerer shows how other living beings—asters and goldenrod, strawberries and squash, salamanders, algae, and sweetgrass—offer us gifts and lessons, even if we've forgotten how to hear their voices. Let us know your comments on the book!

ZOOM WORKSHOP

**“Understanding Sexual Assault” with Ana Berrios Schaus
MHC Class of 2003**

Wednesday, October 19, 2022, 11:00 am



We are pleased to welcome alumna **Ana Berrios Schaus '03**. Ana was born in Puerto Rico. Her family moved to Connecticut where she attended high school and joined the Army Officer Candidate School.

Ana entered Mount Holyoke College in 1998, but her studies were interrupted by the 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center. The Army activated her to guard the Quabbin Reservoir near Belchertown, MA. She returned to Mount Holyoke two years later and graduated with the class of 2003.

After graduation, Ana was deployed to Iraq and Guantanamo Bay, Cuba where she worked for the Office of Complex Investigations (Sex Crimes). She is currently on loan from the Army to the Air Force in St. Petersburg, FL and will retire on September 30th of this year.

Ana credits Mount Holyoke College with giving her confidence and strong leadership skills which she used effectively as a military commander of over 200 soldiers, mostly men. She was honored by the Army for her outstanding supervision and guidance.

Ana is married and the mother of two young sons. She enjoys living in Florida and connecting with other MHC alums.

We are inviting all Florida MHC alums and Seven Sister and Yale Clubs to join us. The event is free, but please email mhcswfl@gmail.com to make a reservation and you will receive a Zoom link one week before the event. You will not be admitted without a reservation. Guests are welcome, but need to register as well. You don't need a Zoom account to participate.

Sign-up deadline is Wednesday, October 12th.

**Thank you to Elizabeth Russell '70, Program Chair, and
Maria Mandler '74, Social Chair and Zoom host.**

**COME JOIN US FOR A TOUR OF THE SARASOTA OPERA HOUSE AND
VISIT TO ALEXA SCANZIANI'S ART GALLERY**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2022, 10:00 AM
Lunch afterwards at Cafe Epicure, paid individually

Tour of the Sarasota Opera House will feature the stage sets and costumes from Cimarosa's *The Secret Marriage*. \$12 per person for the tour.



Stop at Alexa Scanziani's (MHC class of 1987) art gallery, AlexArt International Fine Art Gallery, on the way to Lunch, paid individually, at Cafe Epicure.

The Opera House is at 61 N Pineapple Ave in downtown Sarasota.

From Interstate 75: Take I-75 to Exit 210 at Fruitville Road. Turn West on Fruitville Road (towards Downtown Sarasota). Travel about 6 miles to Cocoanut Ave. Turn left, going south. In a few blocks angle left onto N Pineapple Ave which brings you to the Opera House, 1-1/2 blocks on the right. The best place to park is in the public parking garage at 1289 N Palm Ave right behind the Opera House. There may be a fee for parking.

The Tour is \$12 per person. Lunch at Cafe Epicure afterwards is paid individually. Annual Club dues are \$20, and may be paid with your reservation or in person at any of the Club's events. Send reservations and payments to Club Treasurer Diane Elliott at 10594 Alvarado Ct, Seminole, FL 33772, (phone 727-642-5354). Checks payable to "Mount Holyoke Club of SW FL."

Guests are welcome; just indicate name(s) on the form. **R.S.V.P. by Wednesday, November 2nd.**

Note: Don't have a printer? Just replicate the info below on paper & mail it in with your payment.

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Wednesday, November 9, 2022, 10:00 am: Sarasota Opera House Tour

Name: _____ Class: _____

Address: _____

Preferred Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Guest(s) Names(s): _____

2022-2023 Club Dues @ \$20 \$ _____

Tour _____ @ \$ 12 _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Mail to : Diane Elliott
10594 Alvarado Ct
Seminole, FL 33772

☐ I am new to the Club (attending for the first or second time).

☐ My contact information has changed. (Use reverse side to provide changes. Thank you!).

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**“Churchill and FDR: Diplomats at War”
Cocktails, Dinner & Presentation by Professor Justus Doenecke
Thursday, December 1, 2022 from 5:30-7:30 pm
Sarasota Yacht Club**

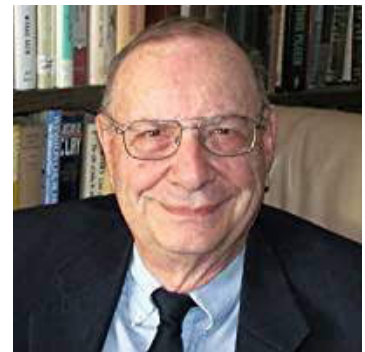
If you are interested in attending, please email mhcswfl@gmail.com



The Florida Gulfcoast Chapter of the International Churchill Society has invited us to an evening of meeting new friends and stimulating intellectual learning. Speaker Justus Doenecke is an American historian, writer, and professor. His 2000 book, Storm on the Horizon: the Challenge to American Intervention, 1939-1941, received the Herbert Hoover Book Award. Doenecke is Professor Emeritus at New College of Florida.

Professor Doenecke graduated magna cum laude from Colgate University with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He earned his Master's degree and Ph.D. in History from Princeton University.

He is the author of more than ten books. He has written about the presidency of James A. Garfield and Chester A. Arthur, the United States' entry into World War I, the New Deal, Franklin D. Roosevelt's foreign policy, World War II, and the Cold War.



We are inviting the local Seven Sisters and Yale Clubs to join us for the event.

A formal invitation and RSVP/sign-up will follow this autumn. The anticipated cost will be approximately \$65. In order to give the venue a preliminary headcount, if you plan to attend, please send an email to mhcswfl@gmail.com. This is not a formal commitment by you to attend but is critical in our planning. Thank you!

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MOUNT HOLYOKE CLUB OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA ~ 2022-2023 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Program Chair Elizabeth Russell '70 and the Board have planned the following programs for 2022-2023. Note that events are subject to change.

Wednesday, October 19, 2022, 11:00 am, via Zoom:

"Understanding Sexual Assault," a virtual presentation by **Ana Berrios Schaus, MHC Class of 2003.** Details and Zoom sign up information on page 3 of this newsletter



Mountain Day--Fall 2022: Meet at 6:37 pm (1837 hours) for ice cream and other treats at Old Farmer's Creamery, 2531 4th St N, St. Pete 33704. Hope to see you there!

Wednesday, November 9, 2022, 10:00 am:

Tour of the Sarasota Opera House, featuring the stage sets and costumes from Cimarosa's ***The Secret Marriage***. \$12 per person for the tour. Stop at **Alexa Scanziani's (MHC class of 1987)** art gallery, *AlexArt International Fine Art Gallery*, on the way to lunch, paid individually, at Cafe Epicure. Registration information is on page 4 of this newsletter.

Thursday, December 1, 2022, Presentation, Cocktails and Dinner, 5:30-7:30 pm:

Speaker **Justus Doenecke**, Professor Emeritus of History, New College, will present **"Churchill and FDR: Diplomats at War."** Sarasota Yacht Club. \$65 per person. Guests welcome. Information is on page 5 of this newsletter.

January 2023, 10:00 am:

Forty Carrots, an in-person private tour, 1500 S. Tuttle Avenue, Sarasota. Founded in 1993, Forty Carrots Family Center is guided by a vision that all parents will provide their children with experiences and environments that are emotionally and physically safe so that they can grow into capable and caring young people. Lunch after, paid individually, at Gecko's Pub and Grill on Hillview in Sarasota. Seven Sisters clubs invited. Details to be announced.



February 2023:

Join us for a Saturday picnic with games, prizes and MHC trivia! Families welcome. Date/time/location of this event TBA.

Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 11:30 am:

The Smith Club of Sarasota has invited us to hear **Luz Corcuera** speak about **Unidos Now!**, an organization that prepares young area Latino students to engage in our community and be able to move on to traditional higher education. Lunch at Palm Aire Country Club, Sarasota. More details later.

March 2023: The **Wellesley Club of Sarasota** is hosting. Date/time/location of this event TBA.

March or April 2023: **Tour of the Art Studio of Joan Libby Hawk '69.** Date & time of this event TBA

April 2023, 10:00 am:

Event hosted by Eileen Coogan '83 and Jamie Donnelly '03 in the Tampa/St. Pete area. Program details to be announced. We hope to see many of the West Central Facebookers! Date and location of this event TBA.

All events subject to change--check our Club website calendar for updates!